

## ABSTRACT

## Improvements In and Relating to Digital Certificates

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The present invention provides a digital certificate (2, 32) comprising a plurality of credential attribute properties (6, 36), and a trust function (8, 42) embedded within the certificate as an executable file, which trust function can determine as a function of data (12, 44) available to it a trust value (14, 46) attributable to at least a part of the certificate at least partly by execution of the executable file. A corresponding method of communication is also disclosed.

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Figure 1

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